

## State Librarian's Report August 5, 2014

### 1. Aiea Public Library Grand Opening

Approximately 1,500 people attended the Grand Opening of the new Aiea Public Library, from 10 - 3 on Saturday, July 19. Governor Neil Abercrombie spoke, emphasizing the value of public libraries to their communities and the nation, declaring a free public library to be one of the cornerstones of democracy. The new Library's design is reminiscent of the old Aiea Sugar Mill, previously located on this site, and it will be a focal point for the community just as the mill was in the past.



The new 17,200 square foot Library includes:

- Shelving to accommodate up to 78,000 books and 8,000 DVDs and CDs
- Free wireless Internet access
- A large program room for library programs, community meetings and activities
- More parking for library patrons with 53 stalls
- A high-efficiency air-conditioning system
- 6,000 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels
- Maximum use of ambient daylight
- Motion light sensors
- High performance glass that allows light in and keeps heat out
- Water efficient fixtures
- Drought tolerant plants



In photo, left to right, Sen. David Ige, Rep. Mark Takai, Rep. Greg Takayama, Claire Tamamoto, Aiea Community Association President, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim, Governor Neil Abercrombie.

The Library will be open five days a week, including Saturdays. Public service hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10-5, Thursday 1-8, Friday and Sunday closed.

### 2. Eleven New Languages for Free Learning

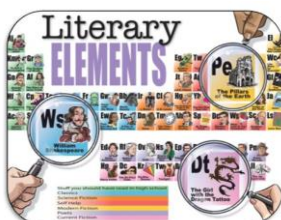
HSPLS has added 11 foreign languages to its Mango Languages electronic database. Mango Languages, an online language-learning software system, debuted its Hawaiian language resource for library patrons on our HSPLS website in December 2013, and since then HSPLS patrons have been able to learn the Hawaiian language anytime, anywhere, free via the Mango Languages resource. The additional languages are: Cantonese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Indonesian, Thai, Portuguese (Brazilian), Swahili, Greek (modern), Hebrew (modern), and Arabic (modern standard). The Mango Languages system offers a unique learning environment that allows patrons to take



lessons at their own pace. Memory-building exercises are embedded into each unit to ensure that patrons retain what they learn.

### 3. Summer Reading Programs Grand Finale at Kahala Mall

This year's annual Summer Reading Programs came to a close with a Grand Finale for Teens on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kahala Mall's Center Court Stage. KCCN on-air personality Lina Girl emceed the event, as 24 lucky drawing winners had their opportunity to



**ADULTS**  
AGE 18 & OLDER



**TEENS**  
GRADE 7 TO GRADE 12  
(INCLUDES 2014 GRADUATES)



**CHILDREN'S**  
INFANTS/TODDLERS TO GRADE 6

choose a pizza box with a prize listed inside. The Grand Prize was a new Chromebook computer. All prizes were donated by Hawaii Pizza Hut, corporate sponsor of the HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program for the past 22 years.

### 4. Institute of Museum and Library Services Regional Conference

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and Branch Manager Sue Sugimura presented a tour of their Library and made a presentation on the programs and services they offer to their patrons. Nations represented at the meeting included Guam, American Samoa, Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and Palau.



### 5. Kapolei Public Library Featured in Go Kapolei Magazine

The premier issue of Go Kapolei Magazine included a feature article on Kapolei Public Library. The article correctly states "... the Hawaii State Public Library System has embraced the computer age and used it to expand their influence ..." and mentions the library's Tech Tuesday program and Children's Storytime every Monday and Thursday.



### 6. Accessible Voting for Everyone

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped partnered with the State Office of Elections to present Accessible Voting for Everyone, a program to provide information about voting in Hawaii, voter registration information and information on how to apply for an absentee mail ballot, demonstrated the eSlate voting machine that will be used in the primary and general elections and other tools to help voters with disabilities at the polling place.